| Sl. No. | Name of the District | Group Insurance Scheme | New Insurance Scheme |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6. | Bhavnagar | 12 | 12 |
| 7. | Junagarh | 19 | 19 |
| 8. | Khoda | 58 | 58 |
| 9. | Mehsana | 86 | 86 |
| 10. | Porbandar | 21 | 21 |
| 11. | Rajkot | 348 | 348 |
| 12. | Sabarkantha | 79 | 109 |
| 13. | Valsad | 1 | 1 |
| 14. | Surendranagar | 503 | 553 |
| 15. | Patan | 6 | 6 |
| 16. | Gandhinagar | 2 | 2 |
| | **Total** | **1724** | **1823** |

**Concessions demanded by Garment Exporters Association**

2608. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Garments Exporters Association has demanded that Government should reduce corporate tax, remove anomalies in excise and customs and allow duty free import of capital goods and raw materials to meet international competition; and

(b) if so, Governments' response to these demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) The various Textile Industry Associations including garment exporters represnting the textile industry give suggestions for rationalisation of tax structure which *inter alia* include reduction in corporate tax, removal of anomalies in fiscal duty, etc. Such suggestions are given due consideration and

based on merit of each suggestion, necessary changes are effected in tax structure from time to time in the overall interest of the industry.

**Establishment of Technology Mission on Wool**

2609. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to establish Technology Mission on Wool for development of the Woollen Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken to develop woollen sector into a main source for earning foreign exchange and at the same time for generating employment opportunities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) In pursuance of the recommendations contained in the 43rd Report of the Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce and the Report of the Working Group on Textiles & Jute industry for the Tenth Five Year Plan for setting up of a Technology Mission for improvement of Indian wool, the Government has initiated action to launch a Technology Mission on Wool in the Tenth Five Year Plan.

(c) Apart from the various schemes being administered by the Central Wool Development Board, Jodhpur and the State Governments for the development of wool and woollen products, fresh programmes for the development of specialty fibres such as Pashmina and Angora have started. The Woollen Industry would also benefit from measures taken or initiated for the modernization & growth of the Textile Industry as a whole, such as the Technology Upgradation Fund scheme, the dereservation of the garment sector, the increase in limits of investment for small scale units in knitwear sector, the Integrated Apparel Parks scheme, the scheme for development of critical infrastructure in Export-Oriented Clusters etc.